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Larry Gore, Geologist Bureau of Land Management Dixie Resource Area 345 East Riverside Drive, Suite 102 St. George, Utah 84770

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Landscape Rock/Gravel Project,

S/053/052, Washington County, Utah

Dear Mr. Gore:

Thank you for forwarding the Notice for Feller Holding Corporation's Project, located in Section 34, T42S, R18W, Washington County, Utah. Your agency's designated number for this project is UTU-74932.

The Division has evaluated the above mentioned Notice under the Small Mining Operation section of our Rules. The Notice meets the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975. No additional information is required from the operator by the Division at this time.

This operation proposes to drill and blast material from exposed sandstone and quartzite outcrops. This blasted material will then be crushed to various gravel sizes. The oversized rocks and some surface boulders will be used for landscape rocks. Although the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not regulate the mining of unconsolidated sand and gravel deposits, this operation does not appear to fall within that category. The gravel is produced by blasting the outcrop(s) and then crushing the resulting run of mine material. The Division does regulate landscape and building stone rock quarries. This small mining operation consequently falls within our regulatory jurisdiction.

It is understood that the Division will notify your office of any permitting concerns we may have, and in turn, your office, acting as 'Lead Agency' will notify the operator accordingly. Please forward a copy of the enclosed SMO-NOI Summary, Operation and Reclamation Practices, as taken from our Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations permit application form (Form MR-SMO). By accepting this BLM Notice, the operator is required to comply with the performance standards/practices as listed on the summary page. If the operator believes that he cannot comply with the practices, then a formal written variance request must be filed with this office. The Division must formally approve (or disapprove) a variance request. This normally requires an onsite inspection to verify the onsite conditions warranting the variance. A variance request must identify



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the particular performance standard(s) and provide an explanation describing the reason(s) why the operator cannot comply with the specific standard.

Please provide us with a copy of your addition, if you receive additional information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we can update our files. Please reference our additional information to us on this project.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: SMO-NOI Summary cc: Roger L. Bon, UGS

Russell C. Feller, Feller Holding Corp. w/encl

Operating Permit Section, DAQ/DEQ

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